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4 charged after gay men attacked

Richmond brothers nabbed following June attack on couple ◐ 2 other men arrested in relation to Canada Day assault ◐ Separate cases being investigated as hate crimes

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Vancouver police have arrested and charged four men in connection with two different assaults being investigated as hate crimes.

Brothers Parminder Singh Peter Bassi, 30, and Ravinder Robbie Bassi, 27, were arrested at their Richmond home in connection with the assault on David Holtzman and his partner Peter Regier in Vancouver on June 12.

"Detectives ... followed up on multiple tips that came in ... after the release of surveillance photographs through the media."
VPD CONST. JANA MCGUINNESS

"Detectives ... followed up on multiple tips that came in ... after the release of surveillance photographs through the media," said Const. Jana McGuinness.

In an unrelated case, police have charged two 21-year-old men after the unprovoked beating of a man near Davie and Burrard streets early Thursday morning.

"Disturbing comments were allegedly made regarding the victims' sexual orientation," McGuinness said.

Alexandre Tchernychev and Aaron Alexander Hahn, both from Vancouver, were arrested.

The 30-year-old victim is recovering from facial injuries.

NHL. Signing

▶ Smithers' Dan Hamhuis is the newest member of the Vancouver Canucks.

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Canucks get their man on blue-line

The Canucks signed defenceman Dan Hamhuis of Smithers, B.C., to a six-year contract worth a reported $27 million on Thursday, making a major splash in the NHL free agent pool. The Canucks also signed centre Manny Malhotra to a three-year deal. Coverage, page 21.

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It's hip to be square

Rubik's Cubes will be flying when some of the fastest cubers in the Pacific Northwest converge at the Telus World of Science on Saturday for the Vancouver Open 2010 Speedcubing Competition.

CanadianCUBING has more than 50 registered competitors in the contest, where connoisseurs of the iconic '80s toy try to solve the puzzle faster than others.

"Speedcubing is a fun activity to get into," said organizer Vince Yim.

"There's a certain sense of achievement that comes with doing so, considering the initial challenge that comes with solving it for the first time."

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METRO VANCOUVER FILE PHOTO

▶Competitive speed cuber Hong Chen at his Burnaby home.

Remains in park human, police say

Police have confirmed that the remains found in a Surrey park are human, but haven't divulged the gender or cause of death.

A hiker stumbled across the body in Joe Brown Park near 53 Avenue and 125A Street on the evening of June 29, said Sgt. Peter Thiessen. "IHIT has taken the lead in the investigation," he said.

A portion of the park will be closed for several days. KRISTEN THOMPSON

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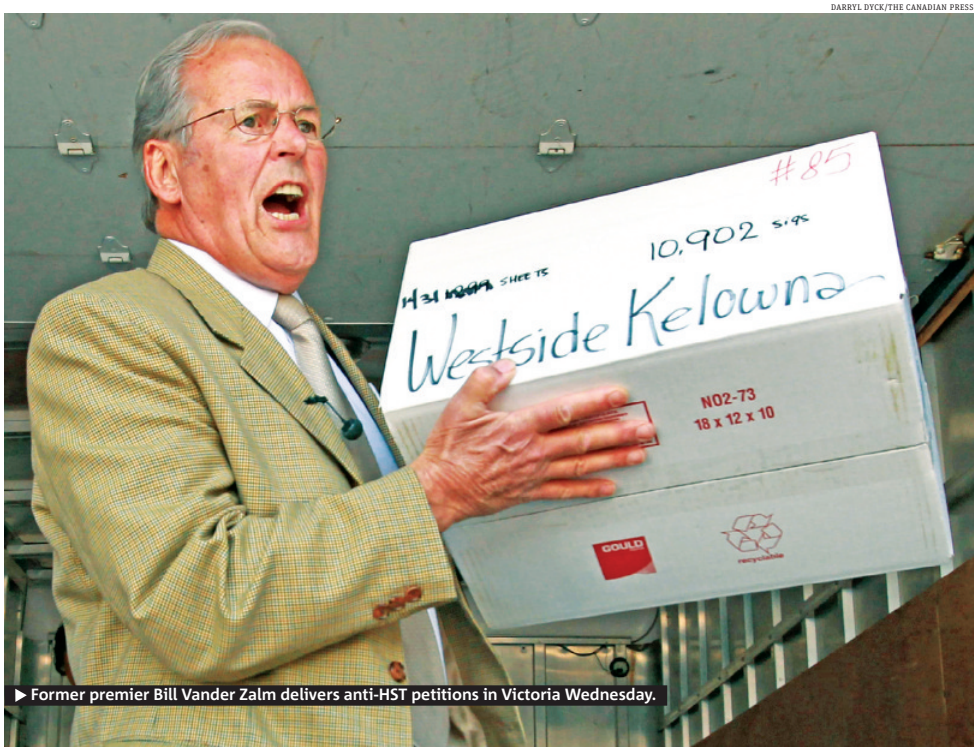

▶ Former premier Bill Vander Zalm delivers anti-HST petitions in Victoria Wednesday.

No harmony yet over HST

Hansen champions tax's business benefits in Delta ◐ Vander Zalm presents petition against tax with 700,000 names to Elections B.C.

The Harmonized Sales Tax will improve B.C.'s economy and competitiveness, the province's finance minister charged on Canada Day as the much-maligned sales tax came into effect.

At a farm in Delta, Colin Hansen claimed the vast majority of businesses will recover the HST they pay — resulting in savings that will spur investment and create new jobs.

Meanwhile, opponents of the tax, headed by former B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm, deposited more than 700,000 signatures at the Elections B.C. office in Victoria.

The signatures are well above the needed threshold of 10 per cent of voters in each of the province's 85 ridings.

"We have successfully completed the first ever Citizen Initiative petition in Canadian history," said Vander Zalm, in a message to the almost 7,000 anti-HST volunteers at fighthst.com.

The 12 per cent tax combines the federal GST with provincial PST.

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Campaign status

- Bill Vander Zalm said campaigners would take a break for several weeks while Elections B.C. verified the petition.
- Later this summer, he said, they would begin working on a second phase of their drive — recalling 24 B.C. Liberal MLAs.

HIV-positive man charged with assault

A man accused of having sex with his girlfriend without telling her he was infected with HIV is facing more charges after four more women came forward with similar allegations, according to the RCMP.

Adam Rollo is facing as many as five counts of aggravated assault.

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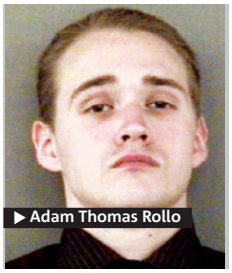
Similar case

- In an unrelated case, police in New Westminster have issued a Canada-wide warrant for Bongani Nyoni, 38.
- Nyoni allegedly had sex with three different women without telling them he had HIV.



▶ Adam Thomas Rollo

News in brief

Stanley Park name change?

PARKS. The chief of the Squamish First Nation and some B.C. politicians say officials should consider changing the name of Stanley Park back to its original First Nations name, Xwayxway, CBC News reports.

Furlong given Order of Canada

HONOUR. John Furlong has been named an officer to the Order of Canada. The VANOC CEO is recognized for his role in making the Games a reality.

Tent deemed a fire hazard

SAFETY. A three-person tent sold at Army and Navy stores is being recalled as a fire hazard. The KUFA three-person tent contains materials that do not meet requirements under Canadian law. METRO VANCOUVER

Celebrating Canada Day

Vancouver celebrates Canada Day with music and colour ◆ City's July 1 festivities span eight city blocks ◆ Around 200,000 people descend on city to join the party ◆ Olympic Cauldron re-lit, 2010 men's hockey gold medal-winning match replayed ◆ Day ends with fireworks over Coal Harbour

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▶ Sharon Hernandez sells Canadian flags to visitors at the July 1 party outside the Vancouver Convention Centre.

July 1

Around 200,000 people took part in the July 1 street party at Canada Place on Thursday.

- **Long sprawl** The free event spanned eight city blocks and included live music, food vendors and a citizenship ceremony.
- **Olympic memories** Organizers re-lit the Olympic Cauldron and re-played the 2010 men's hockey team's gold medal-winning game.
- **Fireworks** The day ended with a parade and fireworks over Coal Harbour.

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▶ A girl takes in the festivities at Vancouver's Canada Day celebration.

KYLE FARQUHARSONFOR METRO VANCOUVER

▶ Cyclists in the Yaletown Grand Prix compete in Yaletown on Thursday.

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▶ Amber Locker with Vancouver country band Whiskey Jane at Canada Place.

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▶ Members of Le-La-La dance group perform Thursday at Klahowya Village in Stanley Park.

New attraction in Stanley Park

Klahowya Village opens Project showcases aboriginal culture with arts and performances Organizers expect turnout will grow over time

The Klahowya Village opened Thursday in Stanley Park to less-than-packed crowds, but project manager Peter Baker is confident numbers will increase.

"I'm impressed with the turnout, actually," Baker said.

"It's the first day and there's so many other things going on with Canada Day. More people will find out about this and the turnout will get larger."

The village gives people a chance to experience aboriginal culture with daily performances, woodcarving, an artist showcase and the Spirit Catcher train ride.

Admission to the village is free, but the train is ticketed.

Stanley Amaya brought his kids to the village and said he thinks it's great.

"There is lots of culture and lots of things to do. We just did the train ride, which was fun.

"As long as the kids are happy."

Amaya added he was surprised it wasn't busier, and wondered if maybe the event wasn't publicized enough.

RAGNAR HAAGEN

Swimming the Strait of Georgia for salmon

Five swimmers will traverse the Strait of Georgia Saturday to raise awareness of the dangers confronting the channel.

The distance between Sechelt and Nanaimo is 35 kilometres, comparable to the breadth of the English Channel, and should take 10 to 12 hours for the four relay swimmers and one solo swimmer to complete.

"I swim in the ocean almost every day, and I hope there will never come a time when I won't be able to do that anymore (because of pollution)," said swimmer Rod Craig.

He plans to cross solo and without a wetsuit, and has added 23 pounds of fat to his frame as insulation.

"They say (this crossing) is 90 per cent physical and 10 per cent mental," Craig added.

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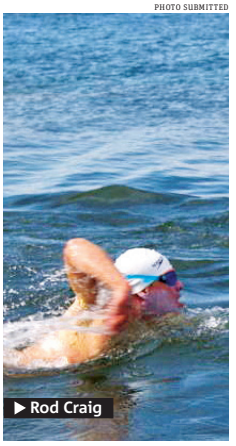

▶ Rod Craig

The swimmers hope to highlight the decreased Pacific salmon run and the impact of human activity on the Georgia Strait ecosystem.

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Strait facts

1. The first Europeans to explore the Strait of Georgia were Spanish explorers in the 18th century. The name "Gulf of Georgia" was first used in 1792 by Capt. George Vancouver, derived from King George III of England.
2. As of 2009, the term "Salish Sea" has been applied to encompass the Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound.
3. Fin Donnelly, a New Democrat MP from B.C., swam across the Strait of Georgia four times in the 1990s, and set a record time of just over 10 hours in 1992.

Carbon tax increases 1.12 cents

B.C.'s carbon tax increased Thursday by 1.12 cents to 4.45 cents per litre of fuel.

In its first two years, it has raised almost $850 million. The money has been returned through personal and business tax cuts worth more than $1 billion.

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Washington delays tax exemption

A tax exemption for B.C. shoppers that was to begin Thursday in Washington State has been delayed. Last month, the state announced B.C. residents would be eligible for a sales tax exemption on cross-border purchases once the HST took effect.

RAGNAR HAAGEN

Theft suspects described

Police have released a description of two men suspected of stealing Ming Dynasty-era artwork at gunpoint from Yaohan Centre Mall in Richmond last Saturday. Both suspects are males, roughly five foot, nine inches in height.

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▶ Stephen Harper welcomes the Queen.

ROYAL VISIT

God bless Canada, says Queen

An estimated 100,000 people waved flags and cheered as they welcomed the Queen and Prince Philip to Parliament Hill on Canada Day.

The royal couple arrived in a horse-drawn landau, with a mounted RCMP escort.

The Queen wore a red suit with a maple leaf brooch, and a white hat with a big red flower.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper welcomed her.

"During my lifetime, I have been a witness to this country for more than half its history since Confederation," said the Queen, 84.

"I have watched with enormous admiration how Canada has grown and matured while remaining true to its history, its distinctive character and its values."

And to a loud cheer, she added: "God bless you all and God bless Canada."

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Al Gore's sex case reopened by police

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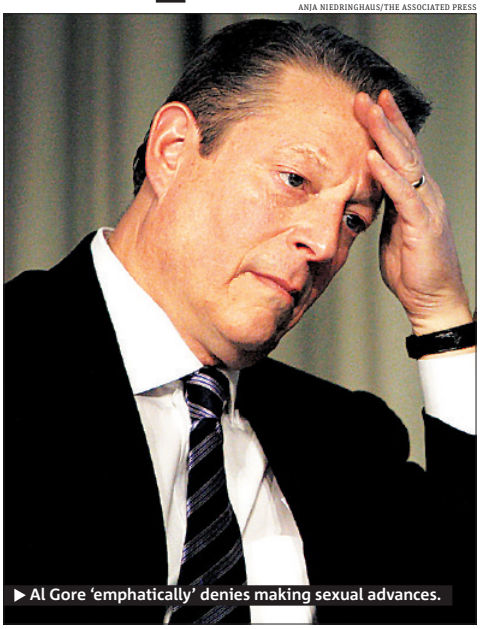

▶ Al Gore 'emphatically' denies making sexual advances.

- Masseuse accuses him of groping
- She called him crazed sex poodle

Al Gore says he welcomes a decision by police in Portland, Ore., to reopen an investigation into a massage therapist's allegations he groped her at a hotel four years ago.

Gore spokesperson Kalee Kreider said the former U.S. vice-president "unequivocally and emphatically" denies making sexual advances.

She added: "Further investigation into this matter will only benefit Mr. Gore."

Police did not say why they are reopening the investigation.

The woman alleges Gore made unwanted sexual advances during a massage appointment on Oct. 24, 2006, at the downtown Hotel Lucia.

"Further investigation into this matter will only benefit Mr. Gore."
KALEE KREIDER, AL GORE'S SPOKESPERSON

Gore and wife Tipper announced in an email to friends last month that they are separating.

In a 2009 interview with police, the masseuse accused Gore of groping her, kissing her and pinning her down on a bed. She told him he was acting like a "crazed sex poodle."

She said Gore "wrapped me in an inescapable embrace," looked her in the eyes and touched her buttocks and breasts.

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Top politico dies in bullet-riddled SUV

Gunmen killed an assistant attorney general for northern Chihuahua state and one of her bodyguards in the violent border city of Ciudad Juarez.

After being chased by armed assailants through Ciudad Juarez, the sport utility vehicle carrying Sandra Salas Garcia and two bodyguards was riddled with bullets.

Drug violence has killed more than 4,300 people in Ciudad Juarez, which borders El Paso, Texas.

Meanwhile, a massive gun battle between rival drug and migrant trafficking gangs near the U.S. border Thursday left 21 people dead and at least six others wounded.

The firefight occurred in a sparsely populated area about 20 kilometres from the Arizona border, near the city of Nogales.

Officials said nine people were captured by police at the scene of the shootings, six of whom had been wounded in the confrontation.

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News in brief

Double bomb attack kills 37

LAHORE, PAKISTAN. Two suicide bombers struck a popular Muslim shrine in Pakistan's second largest city, killing 37 people and wounding 180 in the second major attack in Lahore in a month.

An official said thousands of people were visiting the Data Darbar shrine at the time.

It contains the tomb of a Sufi saint and is visited by hundreds of thousands of people every year.

The first bomber detonated his explosives in a large underground room where visitors sleep and wash themselves before praying, said Khusro Pervez, the top government official in Lahore.

The attack occurred as volunteers handed out food to people , said Chaudary Mohammed Shafique, a senior police official.

Minutes later, a second bomber detonated his explosives upstairs in a large courtyard as people tried to flee the first attack, said Pervez.

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Kidnapped girl gets settlement for $20 million

Girl was held in a secret backyard for 18 years by rapist ◐ Settlement will pay for education, therapy

California lawmakers approved a $20 million settlement Thursday with the family of Jaycee Dugard, who was kidnapped as a girl and held captive in a secret backyard for 18 years by a paroled sex offender.

Dugard, 30, resurfaced last August with two daughters she bore with Phillip Garrido, a convicted rapist.

Dugard, her mother and daughters filed claims in February saying officials with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation failed to do their jobs.

Parole agents began supervising Garrido in 1999 but failed to discover Dugard. The Dugard family members claimed psychological, physical and emotional damages.

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▶ Jaycee Dugard

"I can't emphasize enough that we've got to be much more prudent in terms of how we provide oversight for released prisoners in the state of California," Assemblyman Ted Gaines said.

The money will be used to buy the family a home, ensure privacy, pay for education, replace lost income and cover what will likely be years of therapy, said retired Judge Daniel Weinstein, who acted as the mediator in the case.

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Gulf. Oil spill

▶ An aide to Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal scoops up oil found on the surface of Barataria Bay near Grande Isle., La., on Thursday.

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BP spill could be Gulf's worst ever

Based on some government estimates, more than 529.94 million litres of crude have now spewed from the bottom of the sea since the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon platform, eclipsing the 1979-80 disaster off Mexico that had long stood as the worst in the Gulf.

G20 tactics decried in Montreal

About 1,000 protesters marched peacefully through downtown Montreal to the headquarters of the Montreal union Thursday to condemn the way police handled last weekend's G-20 summit.

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Chelsea Clinton to get hitched

Chelsea Clinton plans to tie the knot with fiance Marc Mezvinsky in the upstate New York village of Rhinebeck on July 31, according to a local resident who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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End is near for shuttle program

NASA has set the launch date for the very last mission of its 30-year space shuttle program: Feb. 26, 2011. The space agency made it official Thursday after weeks of hints of launch delays.

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News in brief

Obama hits out at 'posturing'

POLITICS. President Barack Obama on Thursday blamed Washington's deadlock over overhauling U.S. immigration laws on "political posturing and special interest wrangling" and the sentiment that tackling emotional issues is just bad politics.
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Initiative still stuck in labour

HEALTH CARE. Despite the announcement at last weekend's G8 summit of $5 billion in funding for mothers and children in poor countries, there are few indications so far on how the initiative's goals will be accomplished.
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Seven years for 'Dr. Death'

SENTENCED. Jayant Patel, a surgeon dubbed "Dr. Death" in Australia for a string of botched operations, was sentenced Thursday to seven years in prison for killing three patients.
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Campbell must take the stand

TRIAL. Supermodel Naomi Campbell, who has been avoiding international prosecutors for the past year, will be forced to appear on the witness stand in the war crimes trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor.
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Drivers, keep your eyes on the sky

Company plans to unveil new 'car-plane' next year
Vehicle, called the Transition, to be aimed at pilots

If cars had wings, they could fly — and that just might happen, beginning next year.

The company Terrafugia says it plans to deliver its car-plane, the Transition, to customers by the end of 2011. It recently cleared a major hurdle when the Federal Aviation Administration granted a special weight limit exemption to the Transition.

"It's the next 'wow' vehicle," said Terrafugia vice-president Richard Gersh.

"Anybody can buy a Ferrari, but as we say, Ferraris don't fly."

The Transition is a long way from cartoons like The Jetsons (pictured) with flying cars zooming above traffic.

"There is no launch button on the (instrument) panel," Gersh noted.

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▶ U.S. company hopes to reach that Jetsons dream.

Rather, the car-plane has wings that unfold for flying — a process the company says takes one minute — and fold back up for driving. A runway is still required to take off and land.

The Transition is being marketed more as a plane that drives than a car that flies, although it is both. The company is pitching the Transition to private pilots as a more convenient — and cheaper — way to fly.
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The numbers

More info about the Transition, the new car-plane from Terrafugia.

- **Height.** The plane is designed to fly primarily under 3,000 metres.
- **Weight.** It has a maximum takeoff weight of 649 kilograms, including fuel and passengers.
- **Efficiency.** Gas mileage on the road is about 12.75 kilometres per litre.
- **Price.** The cost is $194,000. But there may be additional charges for options like a radio, transponder or GPS. Another option is a full-plane parachute.
- **Orders.** The company says, so far, it has more than 70 orders for the car-plane, with deposits.
- **The name.** Terrafugia is Latin for "escape from the land".

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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

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Is this taking place in the U.S.? No. In Montreal. Partly thanks to our politicians, we've all become Americans — version 2007, a few months before their economy collapsed.

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Then the bubble popped.

What are politicians doing here? Same thing. The Bank of Canada has kept interest rates at rock bottom levels for almost three years now.

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As a result, people are spending like there's no tomorrow. We have created a legion of subprime borrowers, one broken refrigerator away from default.

David Descôteaux is a freelance economic journalist and an Associate Researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute (iedm.org)

Piracy. Crackdown

▶ Johnny Depp appears in a scene from Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.

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U.S. sinks pirate websites

U.S. officials have announced a major crackdown on movie piracy that involved disabling nine websites that were offering downloads of pirated movies, in some cases hours after they appeared in theatres. The sites had about 6.7 million visitors a month.

News in brief

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▶ Jonathan Torrens

5 MINUTES WITH: JONATHAN TORRENS

A second season of his popular TV show, and a former Trailer Park Boys character, there's no shortage of topics to hit Jonathan Torrens with.

What are your thoughts on the success of TV With TV's Jonathan Torrens?

I guess I would define it as a success only in that no one died during the making of the actual show, which, by Canadian TV standards, is a bit of a victory. But you know, it's still finding its feet a little bit ... I guess you just hope people will give it a second and third chance and it will kind of find an audience and become a household show, one household at a time.

What is it like to be a Canadian "celebrity?"

I always call it a blinding galaxy of star — because I think you have Peter Mansbridge and after that, I don't really know if there is one. The funny thing, of course, is getting recognized every day as people that I'm not — Kiefer Sutherland, Mats Sundin, gay guy from Coronation Street.

"Ultimately, it was great. The rap community embraced the character because finally somebody was making fun of these idiots, and the idiots were like, 'Finally, someone is reflecting our life on TV.'"
JONATHAN TORRENS ON PLAYING THE J-ROC CHARACTER.

Is J-Roc from Trailer Park Boys the character you are most recognized for?

I guess so. It can kind of be broken down into different age groups. Some folks my age, which is close to 40, remember Street Cents, and I sat in on Air Farce a couple of times, and some folks remember that show. I played Emma's dad on Degrassi so some of the kids remember me as Emma's dad Shane. But I'd say, by and large, probably the 20-somethings would know J-Roc the most.

PHILIP CROUCHER

Cartoon

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Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. I didn't know it was possible to feel even more blessed and thankful to be Canadian. But then a month ago, my family and friends were attacked and killed back home in Lahore, Pakistan, solely for their religious beliefs. Each time my heart ached for the persecution, violence and hatred they regularly faced, I couldn't help but feel so blessed and thankful to call this great country my home and native land.

Canada allows me to live my hyphenated identity; I can openly tell people I am an Ahmadi Muslim and be a proud, hockey-loving Canadian at the same time.

Today my heart truly glowed as I sang O Canada and I couldn't be happier to be born here 23 years ago.

MALIHA SHAHID

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Should Canada cut ties with the monarchy?

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Three days to play

WHAT CONCERT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THIS SUMMER?

Erin Stodola
VANCOUVER
There is one that I'm going to, Joanna Newsom. I'm pretty excited about that.

Steffi Lai
VANCOUVER
There's the folk festival that always goes on at Jericho Beach at the end of the summer.

Metro Minute at Cap Suspension Bridge for jazz fest

The TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival will visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge for a series of free, special performances this weekend.

The stunning backdrop allows people to groove to the sound of jazz in a West Coast rainforest.

On Friday, Anagram will perform, while Saturday it will be Collin Young and Sunday Melody Diachun.

The performances run from 7 to 9 p.m. People can enter the park free of charge after 6 p.m.

Capilano Suspension Bridge has been a Jazz Fest venue since 2002.

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M. Night Shyamalan tries something new by turning animated TV series into a feature-length film ◆ Movie tries to cram complicated Avatar storyline — full of Buddhism and martial arts — onto the big screen

PHIL BROWN
FOR METRO CANADA

At least M. Night Shyamalan finally tried something new. The Sixth Sense director — dedicated to twist endings and subtle chills — has ventured out of his comfort zone for The Last Airbender, based the popular anime-influenced Nickelodeon series Avatar.

He's going for Star Wars-style childish thrills, but unfortunately his movie is weighed down by measured pacing and unrelenting seriousness.

These qualities worked well in his early thrillers, but suck the life out of this cartoon adventure.

It's like watching Al Gore struggling through a comedy routine, but without the unintentional laughs.

The film is set in a world divided into four factions based on their ability to control, or "bend," one of the four elements (air, earth, fire, and water).

A unifying figure known as The Avatar used to exist who could control all of the elements and united the world in peace.

Unfortunately he's been missing for years and the fire tribe now controls the world with a flaming fist.

That is until a young water bender and her brother discover a small child frozen in the ice who just might be the long lost avatar.

The Last Airbender
Director: M. Night Shyamalan
Stars: Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz, Dev Patel
Rating:

It's a complicated and intriguing mythology, but sadly the film tries to cram 20 television episodes worth of material into 100 minutes.

As a result, every non-action scene is dedicated to exposition with no time for characterization, humour, or a satisfying story structure.

Shyamalan is a talented director and has the money and resources to craft some impressive sequences, but is simply the wrong choice for this material.

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Adrien Brody gets ripped

The Pianist star speaks about his 'adrenalized' self Brody pulls off his tough-guy character in Predators

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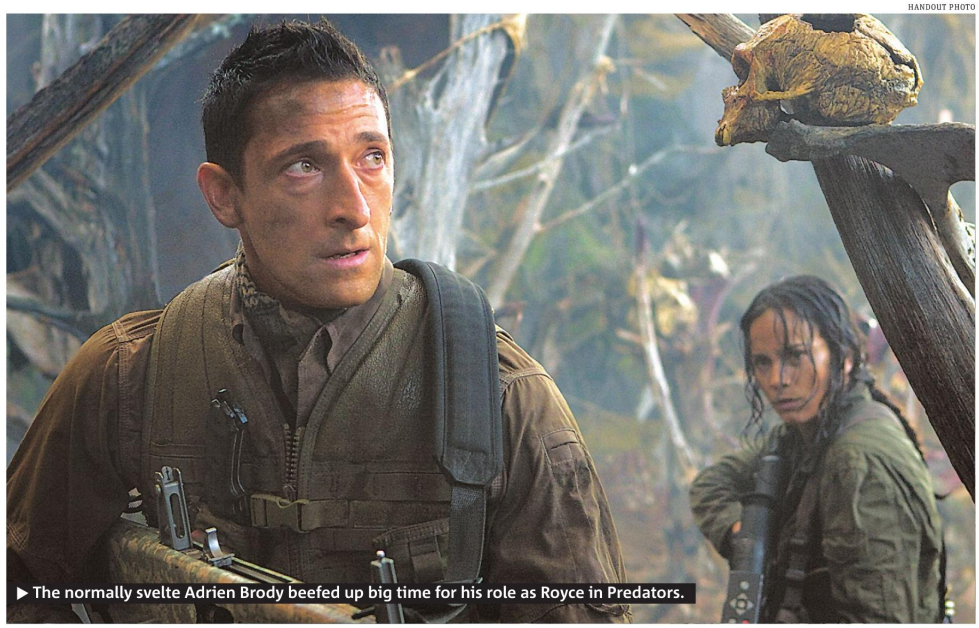


▶ The normally svelte Adrien Brody beefed up big time for his role as Royce in Predators.

Adrien Brody admits that he wasn't the most pleasant person to be around while making Predators, the latest in the major science-fiction franchise.

"I was living a very kind of austere life when I was making this film," he explains. "I had no sugar, no alcohol. I was not having sex, I was in the jungle alone for the most part when we were in Hawaii. And that will make you ferocious. I was training six days a week and lifting very heavy weights, which increases your body's testosterone output."

All that preparation was necessary to transform the normally slender Oscar-winner into Royce, an intimidating mercenary and survivalist dropped onto an alien planet to be hunted for sport by the series' namesake creatures. All the bulking up, as well as the conditions of the set, helped get Brody into the right mindset.

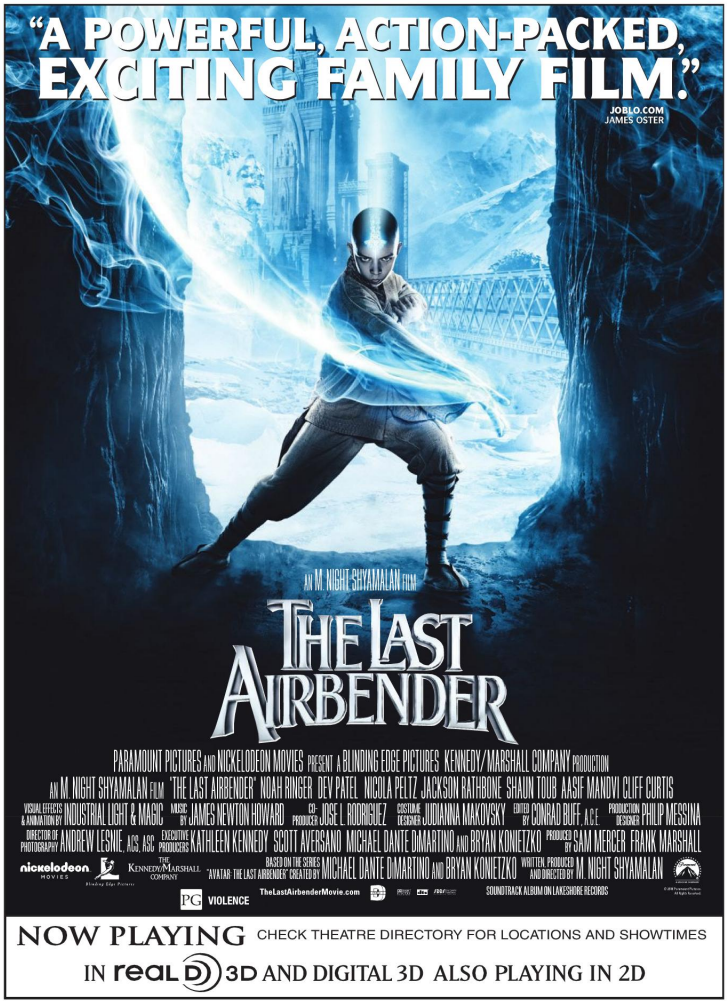
"There's a certain degree of emotional transformation that happens when you physically alter yourself. You find yourself very adrenalized," he says. "You are running through a wall of fire and you are wielding an axe-like hammer, and you are interacting with seven-foot-tall monsters. And they hurt when you hit them. I still have scars."

Since winning an Oscar in 2003 for The Pianist, Brody has cut an eclectic path as an actor, going from blockbusters like King Kong to indie fare like The Brothers Bloom.

"I'm always open to new challenges. That's part of what inspires me."

Predator history

- First introduced nearly 25 years ago as the fearsome foe hunting Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Predator aliens have become a fixture of pop culture, spawning novels, comic books, video games and several movies.



Reilly's realism pushes Cyrus to another level

Real and hilarious take on co-dependent mother-son relationship ◗ Hill shows eerie ability to play creepy

DOROTHY ROBINSON
METRO WORLD NEWS

The premise of Cyrus is a familiar one —man comes into single mom's life; single mom's son is not too happy. However, in Cyrus, the son turns out to be an off-kilter, 21-year-old wannabe new-age musician who has the social graces of a lobotomized sloth, meaning their version of this plot line might be most real — and hilariously creepy — yet.

John C. Reilly plays John, a lonely, middle-aged guy who, at the urging of his ex-wife, goes to a party to open up his romantic borders. There, he meets Molly (Marisa Tomei). They hit it off and, after a bit, John discovers Molly has a son named Cyrus (played with eerie ability by Jonah Hill); the two are beyond co-dependent with one another. Molly and Cyrus's Oedipal relationship is the perfect vehicle for laughs — it's just creepy enough to make Cyrus hip but not so much that it crosses a line that shall not be named.

But it's John C. Reilly who makes the film. Reilly is not the best looking guy but it's that realness that lends his performances honest credibility in Cyrus.

John C. Reilly and Jonah Hill star in Cyrus

Cyrus
Genre: Comedy
Director: Jay Duplass
Stars: Jonah Hill, John C. Reilly
Rating: ●●●●○

CARTOON TO FILM A TOUGH GO

InFocus

RICHARD CROUSE
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Like Scooby Doo and Inspector Gadget before it, this weekend's The Last Airbender first saw the light of day as an animated television show. Director M. Night Shyamalan first came across Avatar: The Last Airbender, when his daughter said she wanted to be one of the characters, Katara, for Halloween.

After that watching the show became "a family event in my house," says the director. "When I saw the cartoon I thought it was so well thought out in term of mythology. It had Buddhism, martial arts and CGI (and it was) character based. I knew it would make a great feature film … I knew we could do something that wasn't going to be just a great treat for the eyes, but also for the mind and the soul."

Shyamalan is shooting high, hoping to turn The Last Airbender (they had to drop the Avatar part of the TV show's title) into a trilogy. "I have always wanted to develop a long mythology based franchise like The Lord of the Rings," he says.

One television-cartoon-to-big-screen adaptation that lasted more than one installment was The Flintstones. The animated modern stone-age family (with friends Barney and Betty) ruled Saturday morning television for six years, before making the leap to the big screen in 1966 in The Man Called Flintstone, a musical James Bond parody.

After that the show came back to TV in various incarnations — one even featuring the Marvel Comics superhero The Thing — but a return to the big screen took almost thirty years. In The Flintstones, the 1994 live action version, John Goodman Yabba-Dabba-Dooed his way through the film as Fred. Unable to leave well enough alone a prequel,

The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas, followed in 2000. Soon though, Fred and Wilma will be back where they belong, in an animated film, set to be released in 2011.

Talking points

Is there a new Spider-man?

SUPERHERO Maybe we need some Spidey sense to sort this out. Actor Josh Hutcherson won't confirm or deny he's been chosen as the next Spider-Man.

Internet sites including Twitter are buzzing with reports the 17-year-old will replace Toby Maguire, who won't be back for the fourth Spider-Man movie. Hutcherson has starred in films including Journey to the Center of the Earth and Bridge to Terabithia.

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Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-1:10-3:30-4:15-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:20
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-1:15-3:50-4:25-6:40-7:15-9:30-10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:30-10:45 No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:30-9:50

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-2:25-3:45-5:05-6:25-7:45-9:15-10:15
Grown Ups (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:25-1:15-2:05-2:55-3:50-4:35-5:25-6:15-7:05-7:55-8:45-9:35-10:25 No Passes Thu 12:25-1:15-2:05-2:55-3:50-4:35-5:25-6:15-7:05-7:55-8:45-9:35-10:25-11:15
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:30-10:10
Robin Hood (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:45-9:50
This Movie Is Broken (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:35-4:55-7:20-9:30
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Wed 12:20-3-5:40-8:20 Thu 12:20-3-5:40-8:20-11
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1-1:40-2:20-3:40-4:20-5-6:20-7-7:40-9-9:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 1-1:40-2:20-3:40-4:20-5-6:20-7:40-9-9:40-10:20

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

Listings not available at press time.

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Wed 7-9 Thu 7

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Grown Ups (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-2-4:30-6:40-7:25-9:25-9:55
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:15-10
Toy Story 3 (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-1:45-3:45-4:20-6:30-7:9-15-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:50-7:10-10 Thu 3:50-7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:40
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:20-10:10
Shrek Forever After 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:50-9:10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3-3:30-6:30-7-9:20-9:50

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Grown Ups (PG) Fri 4:25-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-9:45
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri 4-7:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
Knight and Day (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:50
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:10-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:40
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 4:10-6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:35
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri 4:05-7:05-9:55 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:35-10:35
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:20
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:35-3:35-4:35-7:15-7:50-9:55-10:40
I Hate Luv Storys (STC) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:25-6:50-10:10
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 6:55-10:05
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-7:15-10:50
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:1:05-3:05-4:05-6:40-7:25-9:50-10:25
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7:05-10:05
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-5:7:45-10:45
MET Summer Encore: Romeo et Juliette (STC) Wed 6:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:55 Wed 12:40-3:50-10:55 Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:55
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Wed 12:35-3:40-6:35 Thu 3:40-6:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-1-2:15-3:45-4:50-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:15
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-12:45-3:15-3:30-4-6:30-7-7:30-10-10:30-10:55
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:45

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

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SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:25-7:45-10:40
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:20-10:35
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:35-10:25
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:50
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Wed 12:20-1-3:20-4:10-6:50-7:25-9:35-10:10 Thu 12:20-1-3:20-4:10-6:50-9:35-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:45-4:15-7:7:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:45

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:20
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Jonah Hex (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05
Killers (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10:15
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:35 Sat-Sun 1-4:15-7:35-10:45 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:35
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:25
Splice (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-4-7:25-10:30
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:35
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-12:45-3:10-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:30 Wed 12:15-3:10-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:30 Thu 12:15-12:45-3:10-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 7:50-10:45
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:50-7:10-10:20
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:45-3:35-4:25-6:55-7:40-9:50-10:25
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:25
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:15-7:55-10:40
MET Summer Encore: Romeo et Juliette (STC) Wed 6:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:30-7:15-10:05 Wed 12:20-3:30-10:05 Thu 12:20-3:30-7:15-10:05
Sex and the City 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3-6:45-10
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:35
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:30-5:10
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:15-12:50-2-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:25-9:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 11:30-12:50-2-3:40-4:40-6:35-7:25-9:20-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12-12:30-1:30-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:45-6-6:30-7-8-9:15-9:45-10:15-11:15 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1:30-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:45-6-6:30-7-8-9:15-9:45-10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:30-10:45

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

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STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:40
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 4:10-7:50-10:30
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:10-9:50
I Hate Luv Storys (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:50-7:20-10:20
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:50-10
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-8-10:40
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:40-9:30
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-5:7:40-10:25
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 12:40
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:20 Wed 3:35-6:30-9:20 Thu 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:30-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:15-3:45-4:30-7:7:45-10:15-10:45

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

The A-Team (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Grown Ups (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20
Jonah Hex (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-6:45-9:45
The Karate Kid (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:45
Killers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Knight and Day (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Last Airbender (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Ravaana (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:15
Shrek Forever After (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Toy Story 3 (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-1:10-3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-1:1:30-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7:7:30-9:30-10:10-10:30

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

Knight and Day (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-7-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:25

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Grown Ups (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-7:20-9:30
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:30-7:30-9:35
Toy Story 3 (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-7-9:05
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-7:10-9:40

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The A-Team (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50-7:05-10:20 Wed 12:05-3:15-7:05-10:45 Thu 12:40-3:50-7:05-10:20
Get Him to the Greek (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:40-10:40
Grown Ups (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:40-3:05-4:05-7:05-7:35-9:50-10:30
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-7:25-10:25
The Karate Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:25-10:35
Knight and Day (PG) Fri-Tue 11:50-3:25-7:10-9:55 Wed 11:50-7:10-9:55 Thu 11:50-3:25-7:10-9:55 Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:45-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
The Last Airbender (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-7:10-10:05
The Last Airbender 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:50-10:40
MET Summer Encore: Romeo et Juliette (STC) Wed 6:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20-10:10
Shrek Forever After (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:15-4:30
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:50
Toy Story 3 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:30-4-6:45-7:15-9:40-10
Toy Story 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:4:30-7:9:30
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:15-9:45-10:15-10:45

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

Splice (14A) Sun-Thu 11:45
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 2
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55

Robyn set to drop trilogy of albums

Swedish pop star has been touring extensively since last release five years ago Body Talk brings a blend of bubblegum pop and club music

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Robyn plans to release three albums by the end of 2010.

In the music biz, five years is an awful long time to wait for a new record. But unlike most artists that tend to lose fans over such an extended period, Swedish pop star Robyn has amassed a fan base that just kept on growing after releasing her career-rejuvenating fourth album back in 2005.

So, it's good news for her fan base then that she will have three albums out by the end of 2010. But the way Robyn describes it, she made the choice as much for herself as she did for us.

"I was trying to find a new way to record and tour at the same time," she explains. "I was really excited to tour the last album as long as I did, but at the same time it's been four and a half years since the last album and two of those years I was touring. For me it was nice to not have to conform to the calendar of the music industry and do it in a way that makes sense to me."

"The thought of waiting five years again to make a new album is tiring to me."
ROBYN

Body Talk, Robyn says, is "a combination of words taken from a club my friend runs in London. I liked what it made me think about. The album is inspired by club culture, dance music, technology and communication, so I guess it means all of that in some kind of way."

The first of the trilogy, Body Talk Pt. 1 continues her self-titled album's perfect amalgam of bubblegum pop and club music. From the chillaxed thump of the Diplo-produced Dancehall Queen to the undulating crescendo of Dancing On My Own, Robyn's emotionally driven steez hits you like the warm glow of slow-mo strobe lighting.

Although they aren't quite done yet, Parts 2 and 3 (which is subtitled Speak Your Body) will have their own uniqueness but won't stray far from the first Body Talk.

Transitions

Beginning her career at 16, Robyn has seen herself go from a major label puppet to having an identity crisis to becoming one of the most meticulous independent forces in music.

Grey says going it alone worked out

ALBERTO E. RODRIGUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Macy Gray tried — and failed — to get the hottest producers to work on her new album. But she says getting dissed by today's hitmakers actually made her CD better.

"My album would probably be real wack or something," she said, laughing.

After her last album, 2007's Big flopped, the singer wanted to work with trendy producers in hopes of duplicating the triple-platinum success she achieved with her 1999 debut.

"Oh, you name it, like, whoever was hot," Gray answered when asked who she had called, though she wouldn't be specific.

She said she reached out to those producers because "I thought, you know, maybe I don't know what I'm doing ... I started doubting myself." When her calls went unreturned, Gray co-wrote each of the album's tracks while collaborating with producers Jared Lee Gosselin and Phillip White, among others.

"I thought, you know, maybe I don't know what I'm doing ... I started doubting myself."
MACY GREY

Then she decided to call the disc The Sellout.

"Once you become, like successful, then all these people come in with all their opinions, telling you what you should do and what's cool and what's not, and who you should work with. And then suddenly your art isn't just yours anymore," Gray said.

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A HALFTIME MUSIC REPORT

Sound Check

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It's officially halftime in 2010 so let's look at some of the music plays from the first six months of the year.

Grunge is Back: New albums from Alice in Chains, Stone Temple Pilots, Bush, Hole plus a reunited Soundgarden and the immortal Pearl Jam have people wondering if someone hasn't set the controls of the DeLorean for June 1994.

The Continuing Collapse of CD Sales: Grunge's resurrection has done little for the calamitous death spiral in CD sales that began in 2001. Ten years ago, $1.44 billion worth of recorded music was sold in the US; last year, it was $769 million. Back in May, we saw the lowest overall CD sales week (new releases AND catalogue titles) since the industry moved to modern software methods back in the '90s.

In Canada, sales are running up to 13 per cent behind where they were last year — and that was before the upward spike that came after Michael Jackson died. Things are so dire that it's possible to sneak onto the Billboard Top 200 album chart by selling around 2,500 CDs. In Canada, position #200 is roughly equivalent to having everyone in South Dildo, N.L. (pop. 272), buy a copy of the same CD. If it wasn't for Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber, Drake and those damn Glee kids, things would be a whole lot worse.

The Crisis in the Concert Industry: With revenues from CDs drying up like a Death Valley creek bed in July, artists have to tour more often and charge more for tickets. Add in high service charges and the perception that scalpers always get the best seats no matter how hard you try, people are staying away. The Eagles, the Dixie Chicks, Christina Aguilera and Limp Bizkit have all had to cancel shows because of poor sales. And let's not even talk about the serious problems Sarah McLachlan's Lilith Fair is having. That's not to say that all tours are doing poorly. Just try and get a ticket for any of Rogers Waters' restaging of Pink Floyd's The Wall.

The music industry continues to transition into … something.

Big Brother 12 plants a mole in the house

Who is the Big Brother saboteur?

That's the question that will no doubt consume contestants on the 12th edition of CBS' voyeuristic reality TV series that confines a group of strangers — or houseguests, as they're known on Big Brother — inside a makeshift two-story domicile for the summer, all while being constantly monitored by over 50 video cameras and 95 microphones.

This season, executive producer Allison Grodner and her team have planted a mole among the houseguests to do viewers' bidding and disrupt the players' lives during Big Brother 12, which debuts July 8 at 8 p.m.

Grodner said the saboteur, who will be revealed to viewers on the July 15 episode, isn't eligible to win the $500,000 grand prize. "For the first time ever, we have someone in the house who, in a way, is playing their own game," said Grodner, who stressed that the operative is not an actor but a real person who was picked alongside everyone else.

"They're playing for a cash prize, if they make it a certain amount of time in the house. If they don't last, they're out, and their cover is blown."

Such surprises are a staple of the "expect the unexpected" franchise.

This time, however, the cast will know beforehand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

7th heaven

Food

Starbuck's VIA Iced Coffee
Java lovers looking for their caffeine jolt have a new option for home brewing

Starbucks has added to its VIA line of instant coffees with a new iced version of its in-store product. The company says its ice drink, which comes in single serving sticks, dissolved quickly in water and doesn't require any special equipment to make it.

Movies

Harry Potter Trailer
The newest Harry Potter film doesn't hit theatres until Nov. 19, but fans got a great summer vacation gift this week with the release of the official trailer for the film.

DVD

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

The DVD version of Steig Larsson's best selling novel — part of his Millennium Trilogy — is being released.

Culture

Sneaker Colouring Book
Grab your crayons footwear fans. This book from Laurence King Publishing features more than 100 popular sneaker designs ready for you colour-in with your own unique patterns.
laurenceking.com

Metro pick

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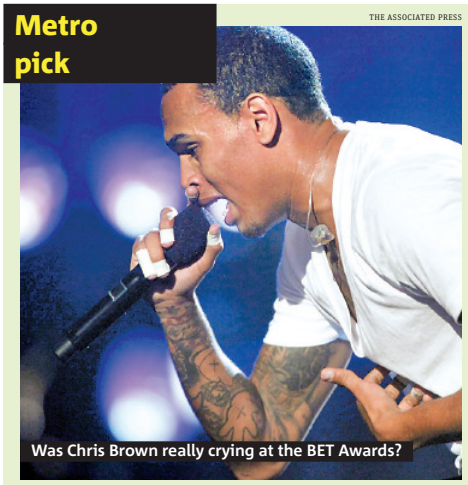

Was Chris Brown really crying at the BET Awards?

Brown not sincere?

MUSIC
Chris Brown's tearful tribute to Michael Jackson at the BET Awards last week caused a lot of criticism, and now it looks like it could have all been an act.

Sources tell Us Weekly that Brown was given tear-inducing eye-drops just before taking the stage. "He rubbed it in and he started crying," a source says.

Brown's rep vehemently denies the accusation.
METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fashion

Abercrombie & Fitch
Sexy all-American boys are back with the relaunch of Abercrombie & Fitch's quarterly catalogue later this month.

Television

Big Brother

The 12th season of Big Brother begins airing next week. Will it be another crazy season?
METRO NEWES SERVICES

TV Picks

Red, white and laugh

COMEDY. Canada's king of comedy, Brampton, Ont.-native Rusell Peters, sounds off on race, class, and the World Cup in two separate specials airing Saturday — Russell Peters: Outsourced and Russell Peters: Red, White and Brown.

Outsourced was taped before a sold-out audience in San Francisco while Russell's Red White and Brown was recorded before a sold-out audience at New York's Madison Square Garden in 2008. (The Comedy Network)

'Alive' again

DOC. Their story was turned into a book and a movie, but in Stranded: Andes Plane Crash Survivors survivors of the 1972 disaster offer up a first-hand account of their tale of starvation and cannibalism. Airs Sunday night. (CBC News Network) CANADIAN PRESS

Mix of Six

Art

In Dialogue with Carr
A new exhibition pairs the work of Emily Carr with contemporary B.C. artists.
Through 2010, Vancouver Art Gallery

Shopping

Vancouver Chinatown Night Market
Asian traditional handicraft, fashionable gifts and snacks.
All weekend, Keefer Street between Main and Columbia streets

Market

Surrey Urban Farmer's Market
Surrey's urban farmer's market boasts and array of foods.
Through September,North Surrey Rec. Centre Courtyard

Music

Jazz at Canada Place
Lunchtime jazz concerts at Canada Place.
Through Sunday, Canada Place
canadaplace.ca

Concert

Will Stroet
A bilingual educator and children's entertainer.
Friday, Lonsdale Quay Market, North Vancouver
Sunday, 2 p.m., Public Gardens

Event

Whistler Art Walk
Cafés, retailers, galleries and businesses displaying art.
Through August, Whistler
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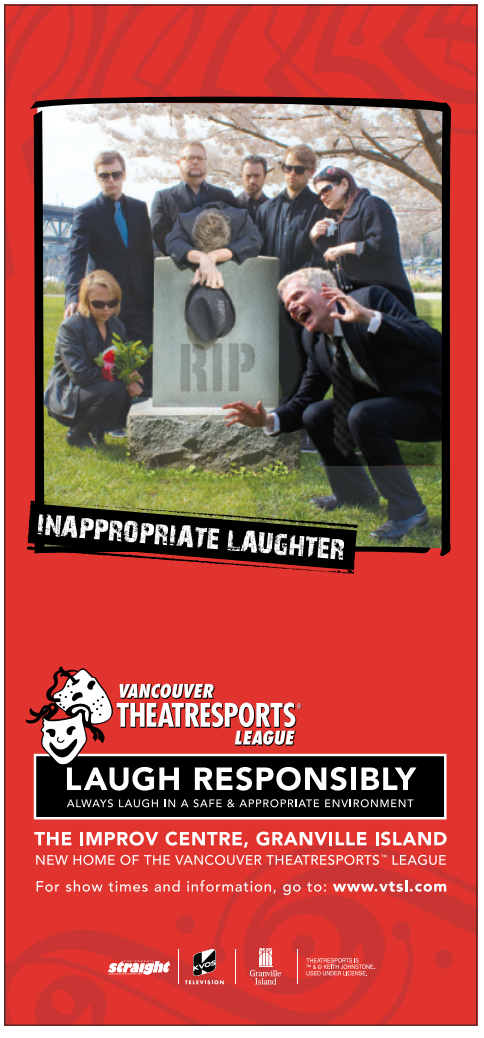


Stop embarrassing me mom!: London

Former Party of Five star says his family is hurting his rep every time they talk to the press

Jeremy London asked a court this week to issue an injunction preventing his mother and brother from giving interviews that the actor claims are hurting his reputation and career.

The lawsuit claimed the interviews may hamper a police investigation in London's alleged kidnapping in Palm Springs, Calif., earlier this month. It named the former Party of Five actor's mother, his twin brother and his brother's fiancée.

The complaint said the trio have ignored requests to stop giving interviews about him after he was reportedly abducted June 10.

He told police he was kidnapped while changing a flat tire and forced at gunpoint to drive around, buy alcohol and take drugs. Brandon Adams, 26, has pleaded not guilty to five counts, including kidnapping and theft, in connection with the alleged abduction.

London's brother and mother conducted an interview with E! Entertainment Television days later and said they were concerned. They added that he had recently been sober and that they were concerned he might relapse because of the incident.

"We are very concerned for him," his brother said. "This is his family's cry for help." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Jeremy London has filed a suit asking for his family to stop talking about him.

Talking points

Spears faces abuse allegations

Thanks to claims by a former bodyguard that she has been abusive to her children, Britney Spears received a visit from Child Protection Services, according to Radar Online. "Social workers visited Britney's house recently about the alleged abuse allegations," a source says. "Under California law, anytime anyone makes a report to child protective services, a welfare check is required to be made." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity tweets

John Cusack [@johncusack] feel like a motorcycle trip la to chicago.. wonder if route 66 is still good?

Frankie Muniz [@frankiemuniz] I think I'm starting to be over the internet. I don't have anything to look at....?

Russell Brand [@rustyrockets] Have shaved body hair for "Arthur" I am playing him as a long, thin, new born tot. METRO WORLD

While Miley can't be tamed, her record sales sure can

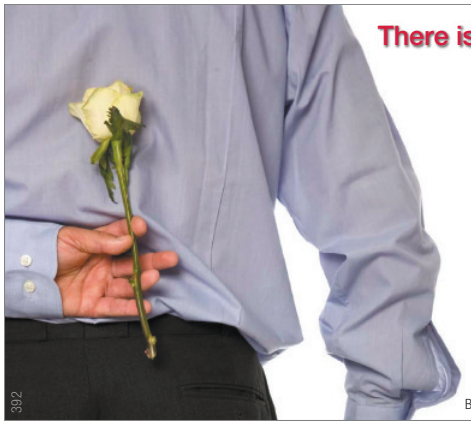
Miley Cyrus' attempt at a more mature image, with skimpy outfits, suggestive videos and simulated same-sex kissing during performances, may not be paying off. Her new album, "Can't Be Tamed," debuted at No. 3 on Billboard, and the album has racked up far fewer sales in its first week of release than her previous release, an EP only available at Wal-Mart, according to Reuters. REUTERS

Tiger gets gagged

The divorce agreement expected soon between Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren reportedly prohibits the golf pro from introducing any future girlfriends to his two children, according to the Sun. Sources say Woods has agreed to only introduce future flames if he marries them first. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lilo owes $169,820

A L.A. boutique is going after Lindsay Lohan, claiming that the actress nearly put them out of business with a lavish shopping spree that was never paid for, according to TMZ. According to court documents, Lohan racked up more than $170,000 in charges at the Church boutique and only paid $180. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Salmon Panko Cakes with Orange Ginger Aioli

- Hearty salmon cakes dusted with panko crumbs
- Orange ginger aioli adds a zesty, savoury kick

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Ingredients :

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp grated orange zest
- 3 tbsp fresh orange juice
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 lb skinless, boneless salmon filets, cut into 1-inch dice
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh chives
- 1 tsp lime juice
- 1/3 cup panko
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- olive oil, for frying

2-4 portions
Prep time: 10 min.
Cooking: 8 min.

▶ Orange ginger aioli adds a kick to these salmon cakes

Preparation:

1 In a small bowl, combine ½ cup mayonnaise, orange zest and juice, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon ginger and garlic; stir well and set aside.

2 In the bowl of a food processor, combine salmon, parsley and chives and lime juice; pulse until coarsely chopped. Transfer salmon mixture to a bowl, add panko, remaining 1 tablespoon mayonnaise, ¾ teaspoon ginger, ¾ tsp salt and black pepper; stir until thoroughly mixed. Divide mixture into 8 (1/4-cup) portions and form into patties about 3/4-in thick.

3 In a large skillet set over medium-high heat, add 3 tablespoons oil. When hot, add salmon cakes, working in batches, and cook until golden brown on bottom. Flip over and continue to cook until both sides are golden brown and crispy, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels. Serve with orange aioli on the side.

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Cupcake revolution

If you think cupcakes mean palm-sized confections with a little frosting on top, then welcome to What's New, Cupcake, a wacky and wonderful cookbook which turns that image upside down.

Chef and food stylist Karen Tack of Connecticut and acclaimed food photographer Alan Richardson of New York created this second book published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Their first book Hello, Cupcake was released in 2008.

This one is packed with cupcakes for just about any occasion, even for outdoor jaunts.

Ants On A Picnic are startlingly realistic little cakes with grass-green frosting topped with candied watermelon slices. Chocolate ants are stacked on top.

"Alan has such a great sense of the whimsical and it's most refreshing to work with him," says Tack.

All the recipes are made with store-bought cake mixes.

``We like to doctor the cake mixes up to make just the right texture for cupcakes,'' she says. ``We take a boxed mix and substitute the water with buttermilk and we up the eggs to four from three and that makes the batter a little less sweet and firmer.''

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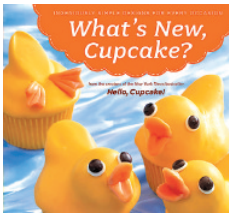

"(Photographer) Alan (Richardson) has such a great sense of the whimsical and it's most refreshing to work with him."
KAREN TACK, WHAT'S NEW, CUPCAKE? AUTHOR

Cake becomes art

Think you know everything about cupcakes? Bet you've never seen these creative concoctions.

Chinese Takeout Pork Lo Mein and Vegetarian Fried Rice is the house special. Kids will love this broccoli: green fruit chews with green frosting and nonpareils on a pile of lo mein noodles made of frosting squeezed from a Ziploc bag. Serve fried rice on the side: puffed rice cereal tossed with fruit chews and jelly beans.

Showerheads For all moms-to be, Tack positions 24 adorable little baby droplets streaming out of cake showerheads.

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Chance to contend trumps richer offers

B.C. native Hamhuis signs with Canucks ‘We liked the fit in Vancouver,’ blue-liner says

Dan Hamhuis turned down more money from other teams for a chance to play at home and maybe win a Stanley Cup.

The free-agent defenceman agreed to a $27-million US, six-year deal with the Vancouver Canucks Thursday, adding more depth and another big paycheque to the NHL team’s blue-line.

Hamhuis, a native of Smithers, B.C., was twice traded since the end of the season to teams hoping to sign the talented defenceman. Even when other clubs waved more money at him, Hamhuis kept his eye on the Canucks.

”We did get some different offers from other teams,“ said the 27-year-old who spent six seasons playing with the Nashville Predators. ”Some of them were higher in contract value.

“We liked the fit in Vancouver. We liked the opportunity it presented from a hockey perspective and the lifestyle perspective for my family.”

Hamhuis also is excited about the chance of advancing past the first round of the playoffs, something he hasn’t done since playing junior hockey for the Prince George Cougars of the Western Hockey League.

“It’s been a long time since I’ve been out of the first round,” he said during a telephone conference call. “I hope to get past that with Vancouver and further.

“It’s a team that is committed to winning. You can see the way they spend their money. They sign close to the (salary) cap or right to the cap every year to give themselves the best chance to win. It’s exciting to be part of something like that.”

Canuck GM Mike Gillis said the mobile, six-foot-one, 200-pound Hamhuis was the No. 1 player Vancouver targeted on the first day of free agency.

Elsewhere

Other free agent signings from Thursday:

- **SENATORS:** Bryan Murray convinced veteran blue-liner Sergei Gonchar to join Ottawa for $16.5-million over three years.
- **FLAMES:** Darryl Sutter dropped some jaws by bringing forwards Olli Jokinen and Alex Tanguay back to Calgary.
- **LEAFS:** Toronto landed gritty winger Colby Armstrong for $9 million over three years.
- **SHARKS** Goalie Antero Niittymaki went to San Jose.
- **PENGUINS:** After losing Gonchar, they signed Paul Martin to a $25-million, five-year deal.

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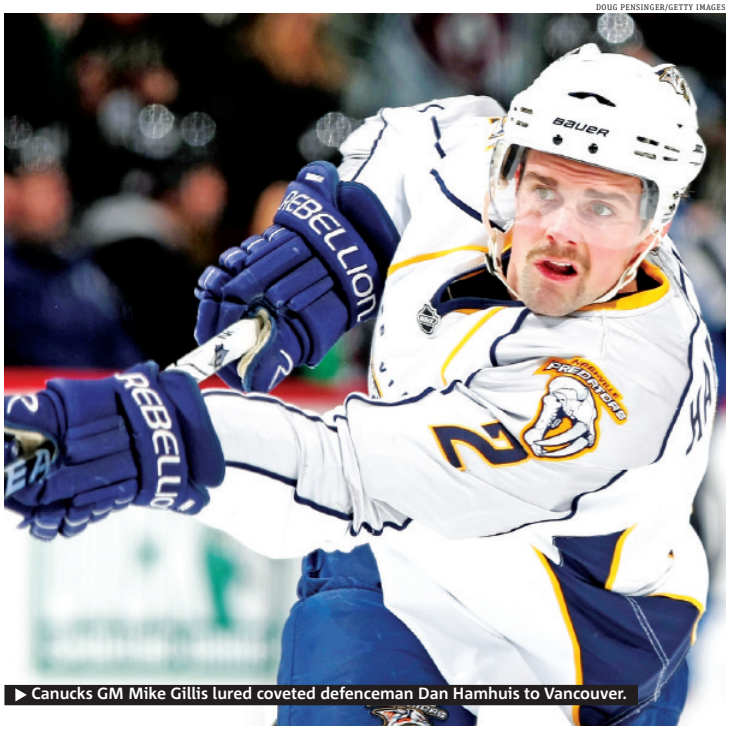

▶ Canucks GM Mike Gillis lured coveted defenceman Dan Hamhuis to Vancouver.

Gillis liked the fact Hamhuis was willing to pocket less money for the chance to hold a Stanley Cup.

“We’re trying to compete for a Stanley Cup and ultimately players have to do that if they want be in that environment,” Gillis said. “We were thrilled he was prepared to come here for less money.”

The Canucks were busy Thursday, also signing centres Manny Malhotra and Joel Perreault plus left-winger Jeff Tambellini.

Malhotra agreed to a $7.5-million, three-year contract that includes a no-trade clause. Last summer, he signed a $700,000, one-year deal in San Jose.

With the ability to play either centre or wing, Malhotra is expected to compete for a spot on Vancouver’s third line.

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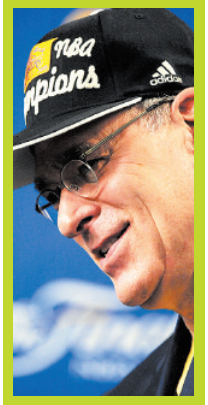

“It’ll be the last stand for me, and I hope a grand one.”

PHIL JACKSON, ON HIS DECISION TO RETURN AS LAKERS COACH

TIME STOPS FOR NOTHING

Field of Play

SCOTT RUSSELL

Finally, there is a break in the action at the World Cup. After 19 consecutive days of high-stakes soccer, the clock has ceased to tick and the eight teams that remain reload for the quarter-finals.

It seems so strange. Maybe that's why they call it "The Beautiful Game," because of its relentless and inevitable continuation in spite of that which conspires to obstruct it. The World Cup hates to be interrupted.

There are no commercial timeouts. They must wait until the end of the half or the conclusion of the game.

Even injuries can't make time stand still.

Here's another thing — the World Cup is unkind to those who claim the passing years as an ally, the so-called experienced players.

Witness the stars of the current edition — Mesut Ozil, Thomas Muller, Lionel Messi, David Villa and Asamoah Gyan to name but a few.

The youngest is 20 years of age, while the oldest, Villa, is still only 28.

At the World Cup youth will be served.

Finally, there is no time to stop and argue about mistakes made by referees.

The underlying message is to play on in spite of any adversity.

That's the way it has to be because the game, not the referee, dictates the outcome.

It's true that beautiful goals like the one scored by Frank Lampard of England have to stand and if that means video technology, then so be it.

But someone has to find a way for that to become a reality without stopping the clock.

The example is the National Hockey League.

In the late 1990s, video reviews and the laughable mock drama of officials on telephones while rewinding tape machines almost ruined the sport.

The World Cup can't let that happen.

Time is what sets the World Cup apart and gives the tournament such aura.

This is a rare beast that occurs only once every four years and perhaps a single time in a player's lifetime.

It's also special because at the World Cup time is fleeting and it stops for nothing.

Tennis. Serena

▶ Serena Williams reaches for a backhand return shot in Thursday's match.

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Serena advances to final

Serena Williams defeated unseeded Petra Kvitova in straight sets Thursday to reach her third straight Wimbledon final. The top-ranked Williams overcame a stiff challenge in the first set from the 62nd-ranked Czech player, then pulled away for a 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory. Williams is now one win away from her fourth Wimbledon title.

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Offensive showcase?

◗ Brazil-Netherlands quarter-final match has potential for plenty of goals ◗ Friday's other match features Uruguay vs. Ghana in battle of the surprise teams

For fans who want to see more scoring in soccer, Friday might be the time to tune in.

Brazil plays the Netherlands in the World Cup quarter-finals, and both teams are capable of filling the net.

The five-time champion Brazilians have Luis Fabiano, Robinho and Kaka, as dangerous a trio as any in the tournament.

The Dutch can counter with Arjen Robben, Wesley Sneijder and Robin van Persie.

It could make for some tantalizing soccer at Port Elizabeth (CBC, 7 a.m. PT).

"We have a very good connection, especially because of the time we played together for Sao Paulo. One look is enough to know what we are going to do," Kaka said of teaming with Luis Fabiano, who has three goals in the World Cup.

"I hope to give him many more assists in the rest of the World Cup and that he ends up as the top scorer."

Robinho got his first goal of the tournament in a 3-0 victory over Chile in the round of 16.

Brazil might need lots of offence because the Dutch are dangerous. Robben returned to the lineup in the final group game after a hamstring injury, then started — and starred — against Slovakia, scoring the first goal in a 2-1 win.

Friday's other quarter-final has two relative surprises, Uruguay against Ghana (CBC, 11:30 a.m. PT, at Johannesburg).

Uruguay's success has been emblematic of South America's dominance in the tournament. All five of the continent's teams advanced, and four remain — Argentina plays Germany and Paraguay plays Spain on Saturday.

Uruguay's defence has been almost impenetrable, allowing only one goal, to South Korea in the second round. The last team to qualify for the tournament — it had to beat Costa Rica in a playoff — Uruguay has a dangerous scoring duo in Luis Suarez and Diego Forlan to go with its stingy defence.

The players are giving full credit for their best showing since making the 1970 semifinals to coach Oscar Tabarez.

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American bid

A group of American senators are getting behind an effort to bring the World Cup to the U.S. in 2018 or 2022.

- The senators, led by New York Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand, planned to send a letter to FIFA president Sepp Blatter this week on behalf of the U.S. bid.
- The senators argue that the U.S. has the infrastructure to handle soccer's premier event.

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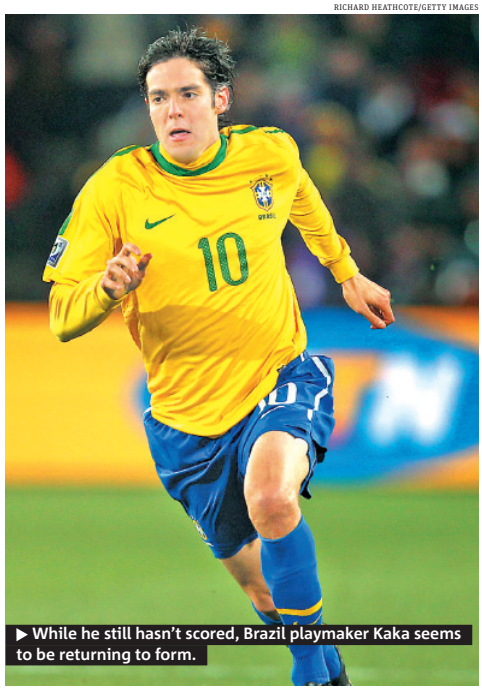

▶ While he still hasn't scored, Brazil playmaker Kaka seems to be returning to form.

Sports in brief

Utley could be out for eight weeks

MLB. Phillies star second baseman Chase Utley will be out at least eight weeks after having surgery on his injured right thumb, a major setback for the two-time defending NL champions. Utley isn't expected to return until the September stretch drive, or longer than the Phillies had hoped.

Ladd traded to Thrashers

NHL. The Blackhawks traded forward Andrew Ladd to the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday, a day after dealing forward Kris Versteeg to Toronto. For Ladd, who was a restricted free agent, the Blackhawks acquired defenceman Ivan Vishnevskiy and a second-round pick in 2011.

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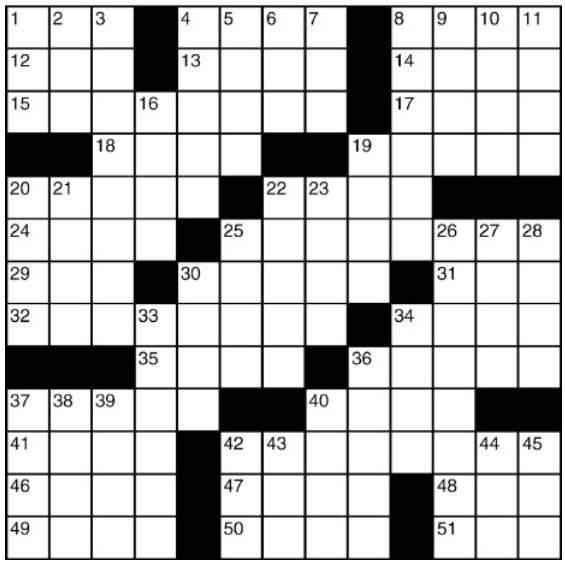

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1 Snapshot
4 Unrivaled
8 Lairs
12 Mound stat
13 Fairy tale preposition
14 List-ending abbr.
15 "See ya"
17 Island near Florida
18 Satan's specialty
19 Spare tire's place?
20 Cut wood
22 Abound
24 Persia, now
25 Join in
29 Abner's adjective
30 Wept
31 Cattle call?
32 Grasp
34 Chamber
35 They last for hours
36 Stoppers
37 Adult
40 Attempt
41 Stromboli spillage
42 Relax
46 24/7
47 Director Kazan
48 Last letter
49 "Big Bang Theory" type
50 Captain Jack Sparrow portrayer
51 Kin of 14-Across

Down

1 Favorite
2 George's brother
3 One-sided contest
4 Crystal-clear
5 October birthstone
6 Neither mate
7 Away from WSW
8 Leave suddenly
9 Needle case
10 Catches
11 Bed-frame part
16 Squared
19 Garden intruder
20 Riverbed buildup
21 Met melody
22 Coin-toss call
23 — out (managed)
25 Helen's home
26 Pay off gradually
27 Castle
28 Male turkeys
30 Sleuth Charlie
33 1936 abdicator
34 Santa's runway
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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"Thinking of you Devin"
- TOOTH FAIRY

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CUPCAKE

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CINDY

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You like to take the lead but that does not mean partners and colleagues will follow you blindly. If you want backing for what you are doing there will have to be something in it for them.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 If you sit back and wait for good things to come your way you may be disappointed, but if you go out and make things happen you will be rewarded abundantly.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You cannot please all of the people all of the time and you should not even try. Whatever else you do today the most important thing is that you feel good about yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others may be happy to talk around a problem but you don't have the patience: you will call it as you see it today and if certain people don't like it that's just too bad.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 For some strange reason you are rather fearful at the moment and may fail to speak up in case you get it wrong. The sooner you snap out of it the better.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may have to change your plans at the last moment today and you won't be too happy about it, but the good news is the change will work in your favor.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may not feel confident on the inside but if you can put on an act and look confident on the outside you'll get so much accomplished today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may come to a conclusion on the basis of very little in the way of factual information or evidence but your Scorpio sensitivity is such that you will most likely be spot on in your evaluation.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you make some sort of blunder today you are advised to pretend it did not happen and carry on as normal.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may not be natural for you to discuss intimate matters with other people, not even those you are close to emotionally, but something needs to be brought into the open today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 It may not be possible to know for certain what is the best course of action but that does not mean you should take no action at all.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Keep your emotions in check and try not to take anything too seriously today. The Sun in Cancer makes you incredibly dynamic but you need to keep a sense of perspective too. Try laughing at the world, and yourself, occasionally.

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